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LB 624, 396

PRESIDENT: Further discussion on the Wesely-Rupp amendment? If not, all those in favor of the amendment vote aye, opposed vote nay. We are voting on the Wesely-Rupp amendment to LB 624. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, on the adoption of the amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Just move its advancement.

PRESIDENT: Motion is to advance the bill from Select File to E & R for Engrossment. All those in favor say aye, opposed no. Motion carried the bill is advanced. LB 396.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have E & R amendments to 396.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 396.

PRESIDENT: You heard the motion. All those in favor say aye, opposed no. The motion carried. The amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vard Johnson would move to amend the bill. The amendments are on page 1370 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body these are fairly consequential amendments so I suspect you will want to pay attention to what I am saying. LB 396 is designed to repeal the general homestead exemption. It was proposed by the Governor. It has been proposed by other members of the Legislature from time to time. As you know we commit 4.7 million dollars of General Funds today to the funding of a general homestead program. According to our statisticians that is worth about \$17 per home owner. What my amendment does is very simple. It says this. Instead of repealing the general homestead